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		Males	Females	Persons		Building Work Approved	New Dwellings in Houses and Flats Completed
Number at end of period—thousands			£ thousand		£ thousand	Number	
Year :	1938-39	529.9	168.0	697.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	1943-44	524.1	250.9	775.0	4,757	n.a.	n.a.
	1944-45	536.0	247.9	783.9	4,721	n.a.	n.a.
	1945-46	618.5	242.3	860.8	4,980	n.a.	5,500†
	1946-47	671.8	252.1	923.9	5,851	48,925‡	12,344‡
	1947-48	702.3	261.9	964.2	6,970	53,440	15,415
	1948-49	705.7	263.8	969.5	8,105	66,146	18,758
1949 :	Feb.	716.3	268.1	984.4	7,730††	4,851	3,950††
	Mar.	717.6	269.1	986.7		7,434	
	April	718.1	269.1	987.2		5,780	
	May	721.6	270.0	991.6		6,333	
	June	705.7	263.8	969.5		5,485	
	July	636.8	244.0	880.8		5,245	
	Aug.	701.2	266.0	967.2	7,982	6,349	4,941
	Sept.	715.9	270.0	985.9		7,145	
	Oct.	720.2	273.2	993.4		7,500	
	Nov.	725.2	275.8	1,001.0	9,394	7,233	5,590
	Dec.	726.9	278.3	1,005.2		5,494	
1950 :	Jan.	729.6	273.2	1,002.8		5,760	
	Feb.	735.1	276.1	1,011.2		7,300	

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	Period	Wool Sold at Auction *	Oversea Trade. (Merchandise only)		Nine Trading Banks		Savings Bank Deposits
			Imports	Exports	Deposits	Advances	
£ thousand		£A million, f.o.b.		At end of period—£ million			
Year :	1938-39	15,521	49.9	37.7	117.1	120.5	87.5
	1943-44	27,458§	112.6	54.1	204.9	83.9	162.9
	1944-45	22,622§	112.8	60.8	225.2	83.4	198.2
	1945-46	23,276§	86.1	76.4	237.2	90.6	236.2
	1946-47	32,910	93.0	116.5	244.3	116.5	231.4
	1947-48	52,972	150.4	134.7	265.4	142.9	237.0
	1948-49	67,331	177.2	176.6	301.3	150.4	244.5
1949 :	Feb.	9,505	16.8	16.6	301.2	140.9	240.0
	Mar.	166	17.5	9.8	303.8	138.6	240.3
	April	5,202	14.6	8.9	305.1	146.2	240.5
	May	6,625	15.9	23.0	306.5	146.4	240.5
	June	10,098	15.2	15.8	301.3	150.4	244.5
	July	142	15.9	15.2	293.4	153.7	246.1
	Aug.	3,131	14.6	12.1	294.6	150.4	246.0
	Sept.	9,781	16.1	11.7	297.1	151.1	246.1
	Oct.	11,878	16.3	16.5	306.0	154.9	247.9
	Nov.	12,761	14.9	18.3	322.3	156.2	248.4
	Dec.	12,935	16.1	17.1	346.9	154.3	249.0
1950 :	Jan.	10,812	20.2	19.3	359.1	151.6	250.6
	Feb.	13,195	15.7	21.6	375.8	150.3	251.8

* See notes to relevant table.

† Houses only.

‡ Partly estimated.

§ Includes equalisation payments.

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13.		17.	22.	22.	22.	Table No.
N.S.W. Government Railways		New Cars, Taxis, Buses and Lorries, etc. Registered	Coal Production	Electricity Generated	Ingot Steel Production	Period
Passenger Journeys	Goods (ex- cluding live- stock) Carried	Millions	Thousands tons	Number	Thousands tons	
186.7	14,679	28,335	11,196**	1,948	1,168†	1938-39: Year
250.6	18,603	4,056	11,219	2,826	1,523†	1943-44
254.1	17,793	2,785	11,096	2,877	1,346†	1944-45
267.4	15,872	3,814	10,030	2,832	1,054†	1945-46
261.6	16,539	13,608	11,212	3,229	1,312†	1946-47
263.0	17,407	26,200	11,780	3,546	1,343†	1947-48
263.1	16,903	37,665	11,736	3,717	1,129	1948-49
21.0	1,381	2,417	955	288	98	Feb. : 1949
21.9	1,514	3,666	1,075	324	103	Mar.
22.7	1,334	3,251	929	299	91	April
23.8	1,510	4,110	1,127	336	113	May
20.4	1,074	3,487	776	294	70	June
15.8	267	2,943	5	180	...	July
20.2	918	3,284	815	262	46	Aug.
20.6	1,552	4,344	1,236	323	134	Sept.
23.4	1,556	4,071	1,148	317	129	Oct.
21.8	1,695	5,744	1,285	324	128	Nov.
22.0	1,393	5,388	820r	313	132	Dec.
23.2	1,379	3,877	771	306r	116	Jan. : 1950
21.1	1,411	4,846	978	310	113	Feb.
42.	44.	45.	51.	53.	54.	Table No.
Bank Clearings, Sydney	Sydney Stock Exchange	Real Estate Transfers and Conveyances	Wholesale Prices (Aust.) Index *	Retail Prices : "C" Series All Items (Sydney) Index *	Basic Wage, Sydney	Period
Index *	Share Values				Adult Males *	
Average 1926-30 = 100	Index *	£ thousand	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 = 1000	Average 1923-27 = 1000	s. per week	
99	175.6	35,272	1011	928	81||	1938-39: Year
154	184.7	17,607	1396	1146	99||	1943-44
157	192.2	23,350	1405	1142	99||	1944-45
171	210.2	35,660	1412	1151	99||	1945-46
214	240.0	57,899	1429	1182	108||	1946-47
248	262.6	60,202	1588	1259	114||	1947-48
298	258.2	62,229	1809	1378	124||	1948-49
274	258.3	4,475	1861	1391††	124	Feb. : 1949
267	254.6	6,242	1865		124	Mar.
300	250.7	5,193	1856	1425	124	April
315	251.4	5,674	1859		127	May
336	242.4	6,086	1858	1452	127	June
326	239.7	7,022	1910		127	July
314	247.8	6,711	1912	1452	130	Aug.
303	252.1	8,097	1908		130	Sept.
302	257.3	7,197	1937	1486	130	Oct.
328	262.4	11,210	1987		132	Nov.
350	265.9	9,606	2042	1515††	132	Dec.
352	272.0	9,346	2076		132	Jan. : 1950
351	277.5	10,314	2109		135	Feb.

Year ended 31st May.

|| Operative from February.

** Year ended 31st December, 1939.

†† March Quarter

2. Population, Births, Deaths, Marriages and Migration, New South Wales

Period	Population at end of Period			Live Births	Deaths	Net Immigration	Marriages
	Males	Females	Persons				
Number							
Year : 1939	1,393,358	1,373,057	2,766,415	48,003	26,815	8,044*	25,471
1947	1,504,350	1,503,232	3,007,582	69,398	28,449	4,277*	30,172
1948	1,531,990	1,530,354	3,062,344	67,234	30,403	17,931	30,164
1947 : Sept. Qr.	1,496,849	1,497,313	2,994,162	17,193	8,536	667	6,734
Dec. Qr.	1,504,350	1,503,232	3,007,582	16,323	6,881	3,978	8,077
1948 : Mar. Qr.	1,510,900	1,508,052	3,018,952	16,644	6,463	1,189	7,549
June Qr.	1,513,563	1,511,755	3,025,318	17,021	8,169	(-) 2,486	7,858
Sept. Qr.	1,520,961	1,518,664	3,039,625	17,035	9,003	6,275	6,678
Dec. Qr.	1,531,990	1,530,354	3,062,344	16,534	6,768	12,953	8,079
1949 : Mar. Qr.	1,545,909	1,540,471	3,086,380	16,397	6,392	14,031	7,484
June Qr.	1,561,592	1,552,067	3,113,659	16,975	7,476	17,781	7,404
Sept. Qr.	1,574,988	1,564,163	3,139,151	18,267	8,542	15,767	6,121
Dec. Qr.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	17,175r	6,954r	n.y.a.	7,748r

* Includes intercensal adjustment. (-) Denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

Population of Metropolis (Sydney and Suburbs) was 1,274,930 at 31st December, 1939, and 1,484,004 at 30th June, 1947.

EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

(1) The following estimates are based on the National Register of 1939, the Civilian Register of 1943, and the Occupation Survey of 1945, and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth pay-roll taxation and by governmental authorities. (2) The Pay-roll Tax returns show the number of employees whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month, irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month. (3) Workers in rural industry, female domestics in private households, and persons on the paid strength of the defence forces are excluded.

3. Wage and Salary Earners in Employment

(Excluding Rural Workers, Domestics in Private Households, and Defence Forces)

Month	Government Authorities*			Private Employment			Total Employment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Thousands									
1939 : July	136.5	19.4	155.9	393.4	148.6	542.0	529.9	168.0	697.9
1943 : July	156.9	46.1	203.0	365.2	207.7	572.9	522.1	253.8	775.9
1945 : June	156.0	43.6	199.6	380.0	204.3	584.3	536.0	247.9	783.9
Aug.	155.6	42.8	198.4	386.4	205.3	591.7	542.0	243.1	790.1
1946 : June	169.0	33.4	202.4	449.5	208.9	658.4	618.5	242.3	860.8
1947 : June	178.2	32.3	210.5	493.6	219.8	713.4	671.8	252.1	923.9
1948 : June	186.1	33.6	219.7	516.2	228.3	744.5	702.3	261.9	964.2
Oct.	188.0	33.7	221.7	516.7	233.8	750.5	704.7	267.5	972.2
Nov.	188.7	33.9	222.6	519.4	235.8	755.2	708.1	269.7	977.8
Dec.	190.0	34.2	224.2	520.4	237.0	757.4	710.4	271.2	981.6
1949 : Jan.	190.6	34.5	225.1	521.8	232.0	753.8	712.4	266.5	978.9
Feb.	191.6	35.0	226.6	524.7	233.1	757.8	716.3	268.1	984.4
1949 : Junet	195.6	36.0	231.6	510.1	227.8	737.9	705.7	263.8	969.5
Oct.	196.6	37.7	234.3	523.6	235.5	759.1	720.2	273.2	993.4
Nov.	198.2	38.0	236.2	527.0	237.8	764.8	725.2	275.8	1,001.0
Dec.	200.0	38.2	238.2	526.9	240.1	767.0	726.9	278.3	1,005.2
1950 : Jan.	200.0	38.1	238.1	529.6	235.1	764.7	729.6	273.2	1,002.8
Feb.	200.5	38.5	239.0	534.6	237.6	772.2	735.1	276.1	1,011.2

* Employees of Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities. † Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions. See note (2) above.

4. Wage and Salary Earners : Employment by Industrial Groups*
 (Excluding Rural Workers, Domestics in Private Households, and Defence Forces)

Month	Mining and Quarrying	Factories	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Finance and Property	Wholesale Trade, etc.	Retail Trade	Professional and Personal Services ‡
Thousands								
MALES								
1939 : July	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	..... 59.0	.....	44.0	56.6
1943 : July	25.1	217.8	30.1	79.9	10.5	22.9	28.7	39.6
1945 : June	24.4	214.8	32.5	85.2	11.3	24.3	30.0	45.4
Aug.	24.9	216.9	32.3	86.7	11.4	24.9	30.5	46.5
1946 : June	25.8	236.3	44.1	96.8	16.5	33.4	40.6	56.1
1947 : June	26.6	252.1	55.7	102.8	18.8	37.6	46.4	62.4
1948 : June	28.1	265.2	60.1	107.9	19.5	39.8	49.3	64.7
Oct.	26.4	265.3	61.9	108.4	19.6	40.9	49.3	64.8
Nov.	27.3	266.4	62.2	107.8	19.7	41.1	50.6	64.8
Dec.	27.6	265.7	61.5	108.3	19.9	41.3	52.6	65.1
1949 : Jan.	26.9	268.4	62.4	108.5	20.0	41.4	50.7	65.4
Feb.	27.6	269.9	62.7	109.6	20.0	41.8	50.0	66.0
1949 : June \$	24.4	257.4	64.9	110.9	20.4	42.1	50.1	66.3
Oct.	27.8	267.5	65.9	110.0	20.6	43.2	49.4	66.3
Nov.	28.3	268.6	66.1	111.2	20.6	44.0	50.6	66.3
Dec.	28.2	268.0	65.8	111.4	20.6	43.6	52.8	66.9
1950 : Jan.	28.3	271.2	66.5	111.5	20.7	44.1	50.4	67.2
Feb.	28.5	273.8	67.1	112.3	20.8	45.2	50.3	67.3
FEMALES								
1939 : July	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	.....	8.5	.....	36.0
1943 : July	0.2	94.6	0.7	12.9	9.9	10.7	38.5	65.9
1945 : June	0.2	86.9	0.7	14.5	10.7	10.3	37.6	69.8
Aug.	0.2	86.0	0.7	14.6	10.6	10.8	37.8	70.3
1946 : June	0.2	82.3	0.9	13.0	10.1	10.9	39.1	73.3
1947 : June	0.2	86.5	1.0	12.8	10.4	11.9	40.7	77.1
1948 : June	0.2	90.2	1.1	13.9	10.9	12.9	43.0	79.6
Oct.	0.3	93.5	1.1	13.9	11.0	13.6	43.4	80.9
Nov.	0.3	93.9	1.1	13.9	11.0	13.8	44.8	81.0
Dec.	0.2	93.1	1.1	14.1	11.0	13.6	47.2	80.9
1949 : Jan.	0.3	90.7	1.1	14.1	11.3	13.5	44.3	81.2
Feb.	0.3	92.2	1.1	14.2	11.4	13.6	43.8	81.4
1949 : June \$	0.3	88.7	1.2	14.7	11.7	13.4	42.7	80.9
Oct.	0.3	95.1	1.2	15.0	11.9	14.1	42.6	82.2
Nov.	0.3	96.0	1.2	15.0	12.0	14.3	43.7	82.4
Dec.	0.3	95.0	1.2	15.0	12.0	14.2	47.1	82.5
1950 : Jan.	0.3	94.3	1.3	14.8	12.2	14.4	42.4	82.6
Feb.	0.3	96.4	1.3	15.0	12.5	14.4	42.2	83.0
PERSONS								
1939 : July	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	.....	67.5	.....	80.0
1943 : July	25.3	312.4	30.8	92.8	20.4	33.6	67.2	105.5
1945 : June	24.6	301.7	33.2	99.7	22.0	34.6	67.6	115.2
Aug.	25.1	302.9	33.0	101.3	22.0	35.7	68.3	116.8
1946 : June	26.0	318.6	45.0	109.8	26.6	44.3	79.7	129.4
1947 : June	26.8	338.6	56.7	115.6	29.2	49.5	87.1	139.5
1948 : June	28.3	355.4	61.2	121.8	30.4	52.7	92.3	144.3
Oct.	26.7	358.8	63.0	122.3	30.6	54.5	92.7	145.7
Nov.	27.6	360.3	63.3	121.7	30.7	54.9	95.4	145.8
Dec.	27.8	358.8	62.6	122.4	30.9	54.9	99.8	146.0
1949 : Jan.	27.2	359.1	63.5	122.6	31.3	54.9	95.0	146.6
Feb.	27.9	362.1	63.8	123.8	31.4	55.4	93.8	147.4
1949 : June \$	24.7	346.1	66.1	125.6	32.1	55.5	92.8	147.2
Oct.	28.1	362.6	67.1	125.0	32.5	57.3	92.0	148.5
Nov.	28.6	364.6	67.3	126.2	32.6	58.3	94.3	148.7
Dec.	28.5	363.0	67.0	126.4	32.6	57.8	99.9	149.4
1950 : Jan.	28.6	365.5	67.8	126.3	32.9	58.5	92.8	149.8
Feb.	28.8	370.2	68.4	127.3	33.3	59.6	92.5	150.3

* See notes preceding Table 3.

† From July, 1948, subject to revision.

‡ Includes Education,

Health, Law, Hotels and Restaurants, and other Professional and Personal Services.

§ Affected by an industrial

dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

5. Employees in N.S.W. Factories : By Classes of Industry*
(Excludes working proprietors)

Classes	I, II Bricks, Cement, Glass, etc.	III Chemical- icals, Oils, Paints, etc.	IV Metals, Machines, Vehicles, etc.	VI Textiles and Knitted Goods	VIII Clothing and Foot- wear	IX Food, Drink, Tobacco	X, XI Sawmills, Wood- working, Furniture, etc.	XII Paper, Print- ing, etc.	V, VII, XIII—XVI Other	I—XVI All Factor- ies
Month	Thousands									
MALES										
1939 : June	11.8	5.2	75.9	5.6	6.9	17.5	13.4	11.3	12.1	159.7
1945 : June	9.1	8.3	124.2	6.8	7.3	20.4	14.3	9.9	14.5	214.8
1947 : June	14.2	9.7	131.5	9.8	10.9	23.2	18.5	14.3	20.0	252.1
1948 : June	14.8	10.7	137.4	10.1	11.2	24.4	20.7	14.6	21.3	265.2
1948 : Nov.	15.3	10.7	136.0	10.3	11.5	26.0	20.8	14.7	21.1	266.4
Dec.	15.1	11.0	135.5	10.3	11.5	26.0	20.4	14.8	21.1	265.7
1949 : Jan.	15.5	11.2	137.3	10.2	11.4	25.8	20.6	15.2	21.2	268.4
Feb.	15.8	11.4	137.6	10.1	11.5	26.2	20.7	15.3	21.3	269.9
1949 : Nov.	16.2	11.4	135.8	9.5	11.6	26.1	21.1	15.1	21.8	268.6
Dec.	15.8	11.5	135.7	9.6	11.6	26.3	20.9	15.0	21.6	268.0
1950 : Jan.	16.2	11.5	138.4	9.8	11.7	26.3	20.8	14.8	21.7	271.2
Feb.	16.2	11.6	140.0	9.9	11.7	26.3	21.1	15.2	21.8	273.8
FEMALES										
1939 : June	0.4	2.7	4.9	9.2	22.8	9.4	1.6	5.3	3.6	59.9
1945 : June	0.8	4.0	21.2	11.5	25.9	11.2	1.6	5.7	5.0	86.9
1947 : June	0.7	4.4	13.6	11.4	31.9	10.6	1.9	6.1	5.9	86.5
1948 : June	0.8	4.4	14.5	11.7	33.6	10.7	2.0	6.1	6.4	90.2
1948 : Nov.	0.9	4.5	15.0	12.0	34.9	11.3	2.1	6.4	6.8	93.9
Dec.	0.9	4.3	14.8	11.9	34.4	11.6	2.2	6.3	6.7	93.1
1949 : Jan.	0.9	4.3	14.8	11.7	33.3	11.0	2.1	6.1	6.5	90.7
Feb.	0.9	4.4	14.8	11.6	34.1	11.6	2.1	6.2	6.5	92.2
1949 : Nov.	1.1	4.5	16.1	12.5	34.1	11.9	2.3	6.6	6.9	96.0
Dec.	1.0	4.4	16.1	12.5	33.3	12.1	2.3	6.6	6.7	95.0
1950 : Jan.	1.0	4.5	16.5	12.5	32.7	11.9	2.3	6.4	6.5	94.3
Feb.	1.0	4.6	16.7	12.7	33.4	12.5	2.3	6.5	6.7	96.4
PERSONS										
1939 : June	12.2	7.9	80.8	14.8	29.7	26.9	15.0	16.6	15.7	219.6
1945 : June	9.9	12.3	145.4	18.3	33.2	31.6	15.9	15.6	19.5	301.7
1947 : June	14.1	14.1	145.1	21.2	42.8	33.8	20.4	20.4	25.9	338.6
1948 : June	15.6	15.1	151.9	21.8	44.8	35.1	22.7	20.7	27.7	355.4
1948 : Nov.	16.2	15.2	151.0	22.3	46.4	37.3	22.9	21.1	27.9	360.3
Dec.	16.0	15.3	150.3	22.2	45.9	37.6	22.6	21.1	27.8	358.8
1949 : Jan.	16.4	15.5	152.1	21.9	44.7	36.8	22.7	21.3	27.7	359.1
Feb.	16.7	15.8	152.4	21.7	45.6	37.8	22.8	21.5	27.8	362.1
1949 : Nov.	17.3	15.9	151.9	22.0	45.7	38.0	23.4	21.7	28.7	364.6
Dec.	16.8	15.9	151.8	22.1	44.9	38.4	23.2	21.6	28.3	363.0
1950 : Jan.	17.2	16.0	154.9	22.3	44.4	38.2	23.1	21.2	28.2	365.5
Feb.	17.2	16.2	156.7	22.6	45.1	38.8	23.4	21.7	28.5	370.2

* See notes preceding Table 3; figures from July, 1948, subject to revision.

6. Wages and Salaries Paid and Average Earnings, N.S.W.*

Year	Total Wages Paid : Weekly Average				Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit†			
	Sept. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.	Sept. Qr.	Dec. Qr.	March Qr.	June Qr.
	£ thousand							
1944-45	4,642	4,819	4,589	4,835	6.67	6.89	6.54	6.86
1945-46	4,809	4,910	4,817	5,384	6.73	6.90	6.35	6.76
1946-47	5,495	5,949	5,713	6,246	6.69	7.09	6.72	7.23
1947-48	6,480	7,229	6,753	7,419	7.40	8.15	7.58	8.25
1948-49	7,759	8,436	7,730	8,493	8.58	9.24	8.41	9.24
1949-50	7,982	9,394			9.01	10.06		

* Includes Australian Capital Territory. † Total wages paid divided by total employment expressed in male units (i.e., total male employment plus 45 per cent. of total female employment).

7. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales*

Period	Unemployment Beneficiaries on last Saturday in Period	Benefits Paid during Period				Total
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special		
	Number	Amount—£				
Year : 1945-46	1,298	275,205	198,943	1,068	475,216	
1946-47	1,400	172,141	258,782	6,772	437,695	
1947-48	339	60,499	302,987	14,434	377,920	
1948-49	283	23,279	302,298	53,925	379,502	
1948-49 : July-Mar.	231	17,199	236,393	31,366	284,958	
1949-50 : July-Mar.	150†	1,063,158	229,498	140,492	1,433,148	
1949 : March	231	1,074	27,269	5,460	33,803	
April	231	1,532	24,163	6,442	32,137	
May	222	3,158	17,263	7,939	28,360	
June	283	1,390	24,479	8,178	34,047	
July‡	101,000†	476,002	25,155	12,360	513,517	
August‡	7,500†	506,887	23,510	16,170	546,567	
September‡	500†	74,196	28,229	19,487	121,912	
October	300†	1,556	23,582	16,415	41,553	
November	200†	872	26,310	14,132	41,314	
December	200†	865	22,117	6,200	29,182	
1950 : January	200†	1,924	28,808	22,400	53,132	
February	150†	529	22,836	18,923	42,288	
March	150†	327	28,951	14,405	43,683	

* Including Australian Capital Territory. † Approximate. ‡ Affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

8. Industrial Disputes in New South Wales

Compiled by N.S.W. Department of Labour and Industry and Social Welfare

Monthly particulars are subject to revision on receipt of annual returns

Period	Disputes	Employees Involved			Man-working Days Lost by Employees Involved		
		Mining	Non-mining	Total	Mining	Non-mining	Total
	Number	Thousands					
Year : 1939	533	203	9	212	381	65	446
1945	1,158	222	102	324	653	1,226	1,879
1946	986	181	82	263	300	616	916
1947	1,328	221	78	299	392	735	1,127
1948	1,506	229	48	277	497	278	775
1949 : July	p 8	15	10	25	308	32	340
August	p 20	18	5	23	153	33	186
September	p 63	8	1	9	10	4	14
October	p 97	15	3	18	21	15	36
November	p 70	7	2	9	10	3	13
December	p 31	4	7	11	4	9	13
1950 : January	p 67	10	3	13	16	16	32
February	p 166	28	7	35	40	23	63

9. Broadcast Listeners' Licenses in Force in N.S.W.

At end of Month	1939	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	423,649	570,080	608,306	699,023	712,718	730,458
February	427,211	570,952	606,880	702,658	717,648	730,663
August	431,029	583,172	691,944	703,963	715,066	
September	432,795	585,985	698,312	704,106	724,031	
October	435,573	588,321	698,539	705,866	727,722	
November	440,335	591,001	698,416	712,152	727,497	
December	441,934	598,643	703,577	710,542	727,918	

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Note.—1. The "value" of building represents the estimated value on completion.
 2. Building is classified as "government" or "private" according to ownership.
 3. The value of building approved is the value of permits issued by local government councils, plus the value of contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities.
 4. Buildings on rural holdings are for the most part excluded.

10. Value of Building* Approved : Geographical Distribution

Period	Division of Cumberland			Balance of State	Total, N.S.W.		
	Metropolis	Balance	Total				
£ thousand							
PRIVATE BUILDING							
Year : 1946	18,070	6,831	24,901	11,123†	36,024†		
1947	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621†	41,817		
1948	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443		
1949	26,869	12,273	39,142	19,781	58,923		
1948 : Sept.	2,084	945	3,029	1,490	4,519		
Oct.	1,822	951	2,773	1,411	4,184		
Nov.	1,975	986	2,961	1,542	4,503		
Dec.	2,110	816	2,926	1,278	4,204		
1949 : Jan.	1,861	665	2,526	1,180	3,706		
Feb.	1,923	802	2,725	1,480	4,205		
1949 : Sept.	2,600	1,280	3,880	1,637	5,517		
Oct.	2,552	1,202	3,754	2,077	5,831		
Nov.	2,654	1,285	3,939	2,005	5,944		
Dec.	1,938	1,211	3,149	1,532	4,681		
1950 : Jan.	2,381	937	3,318	1,512	4,830		
Feb.	2,828	1,541	4,369	1,934	6,303		
GOVERNMENT BUILDING							
Year : 1946	3,794	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6,445		
1947	4,299	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7,322		
1948	6,244	1,446	7,690	3,653	11,343		
1949	7,550	1,574	9,124	5,120	14,244		
1948 : Sept.	734	57	791	271	1,062		
Oct.	711	108	819	654	1,473		
Nov.	559	79	638	212	850		
Dec.	341	64	405	308	713		
1949 : Jan.	532	17	549	63	612		
Feb.	282	83	365	281	646		
1949 : Sept.	745	106	851	777	1,628		
Oct.	936	360	1,296	373	1,669		
Nov.	520	60	580	709	1,289		
Dec.	368	48	416	397	813		
1950 : Jan.	416	110	526	404	930		
Feb.	557	60	617	380	997		
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING							
Year : 1946	21,864	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	42,469†		
1947	24,551	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	49,139		
1948	28,839	12,191	41,030	19,756	60,786		
1949	34,419	13,847	48,266	24,901	73,167		
1948 : Sept.	2,818	1,002	3,820	1,761	5,581		
Oct.	2,533	1,059	3,592	2,065	5,657		
Nov.	2,534	1,065	3,599	1,754	5,353		
Dec.	2,451	880	3,331	1,586	4,917		
1949 : Jan.	2,393	682	3,075	1,243	4,318		
Feb.	2,205	885	3,090	1,761	4,851		
1949 : Sept.	3,345	1,386	4,731	2,414	7,145		
Oct.	3,488	1,562	5,050	2,450	7,500		
Nov.	3,174	1,345	4,519	2,714	7,233		
Dec.	2,306	1,259	3,565	1,929	5,494		
1950 : Jan.	2,797	1,047	3,844	1,916	5,760		
Feb.	3,385	1,601	4,986	2,314	7,300		

* New buildings and alterations and additions combined.

† Partly estimated.

**II. Value of Private and Governmental Building* Approved :
Class of Building**

Period	Houses	Flats and Conversions to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops and Shops with Dwellings	Factories	Other Buildings	Total
	£ thousand						
DIVISION OF CUMBERLAND							
Year : 1948	30,858	1,989	103	477	4,389	3,214	41,030
1949	35,574	2,499	33	724	4,357	5,079	48,266
1948-49 : July-February	21,012	1,112	80	318	2,625	2,479	27,626
1949-50 : July-February	25,109	1,830	23	629	3,127	3,687	34,405
1948 : December	2,370	118	55	24	285	479	3,331
1949 : January	2,229	63	...	27	243	513	3,075
February	2,679	163	...	40	124	84	3,090
1949 : December	2,797	214	1	92	299	162	3,565
1950 : January	3,188	89	...	65	206	296	3,844
February	3,649	340	2	130	435	430	4,986
NEW SOUTH WALES							
Year : 1948	46,219	2,267	247	922	5,424	5,707	60,786
1949	54,630	2,991	111	1,178	5,187	9,070	73,167
1948-49 : July-February	31,764	1,328	217	607	3,149	4,049	41,114
1949-50 : July-February	38,335	2,262	69	958	3,771	6,631	52,026
1948 : December	3,625	124	71	46	328	723	4,917
1949 : January	3,286	87	4	35	300	606	4,318
February	4,085	181	12	101	176	296	4,851
1949 : December	4,302	292	8	121	332	439	5,494
1950 : January	4,434	105	7	104	425	685	5,760
February	5,491	452	8	170	484	695	7,300

* New buildings and alterations and additions combined.

12. New House and Flat Building: Number of Dwelling Units

Period	Government				Private and Government			
	Approved	Com-menced	Completed	Remaining Uncom-pleted *	Approved	Com-menced	Completed	Remaining Uncom-pleted *
HOUSES								
Year : 1947	3,166	3,418	2,462	3,990	27,850	18,873	13,191	17,386
1948	2,689	3,974	3,385	4,579	29,185	21,066	17,252	21,200
1949	3,524	3,419	3,509	4,489	31,883	21,352	18,276	24,276
1948 : Mar. Qr.	496	831	673	4,148	6,137	4,400	3,510	18,276
June Qr.	671	1,209	753	4,604	7,762	5,654	4,244	19,686
Sept. Qr.	400	1,004	814	4,794	7,448	5,810	4,359	21,137
Dec. Qr.	1,122	930	1,145	4,579	7,838	5,202	5,139	21,200
1949 : Mar. Qr.	998	782	728	4,633	7,777	4,818	3,769	22,249
June Qr.	990	874	971	4,536	8,342	5,461	4,597	23,113
Sept. Qr.	714	918	953	4,501	7,584	5,198	4,657	23,654
Dec. Qr.	822	845	857	4,489	8,180	5,875	5,253	24,276
FLATS								
Year : 1947	350	160	9	204	1,399	712	365	703
1948	729	427	187	444	1,798	1,331	789	1,245
1949	639	630	285	789	1,678	1,360	1,019	1,586
1948 : Mar. Qr.	106	147	18	333	362	372	130	945
June Qr.	129	78	24	387	470	359	163	1,141
Sept. Qr.	49	134	31	490	334	409	212	1,338
Dec. Qr.	445	68	114	444	632	191	284	1,245
1949 : Mar. Qr.	109	132	24	552	310	322	181	1,386
June Qr.	187	224	24	752	436	380	217	1,549
Sept. Qr.	70	214	110	856	343	373	284	1,638
Dec. Qr.	273	60	127	789	589	285	337	1,586

* At end of period.

13. New South Wales Government Railways : Traffic and Finances

Period	Passenger Journeys		Goods Carried (excluding livestock)	Gross Revenue*	Working Expenses†	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Thousands	Thous. tons				
Year: 1938-39	186,720	14,679	19,146	14,543	4,603	
1945-46	267,423	15,872	31,313	24,933	6,380	
1946-47	261,644	16,539	30,353	25,886	4,467	
1947-48	263,047	17,407	36,906	31,015	5,891	
1948-49	263,116	16,903	39,663	35,739	3,924	
1948-49: July-Feb.	174,258	11,472	26,161	22,704	3,457	
1949-50: July-Feb.	167,930	10,171	25,260‡	24,545	715	
1948: Dec.	21,420	1,454	3,446	2,978	468	
1949: Jan.	22,636	1,150	3,258	2,821	437	
Feb.	21,003	1,381	3,188	3,000	188	
1949: Dec.	21,962	1,393	3,737	3,383	354	
1950: Jan.	23,153	1,379	3,683	3,359	324	
Feb.	21,053	1,411	3,454	3,211	243	

* Excludes Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

† Excluding capital charges such as interest, exchange, etc ; a proportion of sinking fund for retirement of assets is included.

‡ Excludes a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

Railway passenger fares and freight charges were increased from 13th August, 1947.

14. New South Wales Government Tramways and Omnibuses : Finances

Period	Gross Revenue			Working Expenses*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Trams	Buses	Total		
£ thousand					
Year: 1938-39	3,449	925	4,374	3,707	667
1945-46	4,370	1,566	5,936	5,826	110
1946-47	4,360	1,746	6,106	6,228	(—) 122
1947-48	5,310	2,544	7,854	7,895	(—) 41
1948-49	5,098	3,643	8,741	8,580	161
1948-49: July-Feb.	3,334	2,317	5,651	5,531	120
1949-50: July-Feb.	3,195	2,807	6,002‡	6,195	(—) 193
1948: Dec.	471	335	806	714	92
1949: Jan.	449	332	781	720	61
Feb.	427	313	740	643	97
1949: Dec.	454	388	842	838	4
1950: Jan.	391	355	746	786	(—) 40
Feb.	393	331	724	763	(—) 39

* Exclusive of sinking fund, interest on loan capital, exchange, and depreciation (£469,159 in year 1948-49).

† Excludes a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

Fares on Government trams and buses were increased from 1st July, 1947 and 29th November, 1948.

15. Port of Sydney : Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

Compiled by Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. Vessels transporting troops, war equipment and supplies are included. Warships are excluded.

Period	Oversea		Interstate		Intra-state		Total	
	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward
Thousand tons (Measurement and Weight Combined)								
Year : 1938-39	2,045	1,429	1,187	798	1,896	340	5,128	2,567
1945-46	2,661	2,034	1,157	414	1,580	152	5,398	2,600
1947-48	2,431	1,719	1,045	512	1,839	141	5,315	2,372
1948-49	2,683	2,162	1,009	535	1,658	115	5,350	2,812
1948 : Mar. Qr.	525	521	221	117	348	35	1,094	673
1949 : Mar. Qr.	706	449	216	116	342	26	1,764	501
June Qr.	714	563	271	140	433	30	1,418	733
Sept. Qr.	744	453	216	138	282	32	1,242	623
Dec. Qr.	710	496	209	135	492	32	1,411	663
1950 : Mar. Qr.	836	501	233	140	376	26	1,445	667

16. Motor Vehicles on the Register* in New South Wales

End of Month	Cars	Omni-buses	Taxi-cabs and Hire Cars	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Trailers	All Other Vehicles†	Total on Register
1939 : June	213,331	1,430	3,278	76,726	294,765	24,151	6,414	2,298	327,628
1945 : June	182,972	1,891	2,962	82,957	270,782	16,068	9,065	2,397	298,312
1947 : June	195,857	2,200	3,330	113,544	314,931	25,172	14,712	3,635	358,450
1948 : June	210,506	2,594	3,545	127,413	344,058	30,076	18,317	4,959	397,410
1949 : June	232,837	2,947	3,562	140,338	379,684	36,379	21,525	6,362	443,950
1948 : Dec.	222,104	2,765	3,597	134,620	363,086	33,398	20,181	5,760	422,425
1949 : Jan.	223,332	2,784	3,565	135,364	365,045	33,772	20,624	5,806	425,247
Feb.	224,722	2,787	3,567	135,932	367,008	34,378	20,835	5,891	428,112
1949 : Dec.	247,674	3,093	3,615	149,022	403,404	39,575	23,258	7,019	473,256
1950 : Jan.	249,783	3,120	3,623	150,317	406,843	40,051	23,768	7,070	477,732
Feb.	252,558	3,150	3,630	151,729	411,067	40,514	23,943	7,144	482,668

* Excludes defence vehicles.

† Comprises traders' plates, tourist vehicles, and tractors (excluding tractors used solely on farms); details are shown in the Statistical Bulletin (Quarterly).

17. New Motor Vehicles Registered* in New South Wales : Types

Period	Cars†	Taxi-cabs‡	Omni-buses‡	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Tractors§ and Trailers	Total
Year : 1938-39	19,924	569	130	7,712	28,335	2,196	1,714	32,245
1945-46	526	...	54	3,234	3,814	681	1,931	6,426
1946-47	7,998	7	116	5,487	13,608	2,850	3,204	19,662
1947-48	16,659	133	329	9,079	26,200	4,451	3,521	34,172
1948-49	25,466	186	339	11,674	37,665	7,442	4,177	49,284
1948-49 : July-Feb.	15,535	134	262	7,220	23,151	4,812	3,027	30,990
1949-50 : July-Feb.	22,615	73	140	11,669	34,497	5,595	3,452	43,544
1948 : Dec.	1,783	16	31	996	2,826	701	741	4,268
1949 : Jan.	1,237	14	12	617	1,880	495	475	2,850
Feb.	1,702	8	24	683	2,417	737	291	3,445
1949 : Dec.	3,414	16	31	1,927	5,388	697	750	6,835
1950 : Jan.	2,461	4	10	1,402	3,877	738	677	5,292
Feb.	3,223	4	11	1,608	4,846	693	363	5,902

* Excludes defence vehicles.

† Includes taxi-cabs and omnibuses in country districts.

‡ Metropolitan

and Newcastle Districts only.

§ Tractors used solely on farms are not registered.

18. New Motor Vehicles Registered in New South Wales : Country of Origin

Period	Cars					Lorries, Utilities and Vans			
	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total
	Proportion per cent.				Number	Proportion per cent.			
Year : 1938-39	...	38.8	60.6	0.6	19,924	25.0	74.6	0.4	7,712
1946-47	...	53.2	46.8	...	7,998	19.3	80.7	...	5,487
1947-48	...	53.5	45.7	0.8	16,659	18.3	81.7	...	9,079
1948-49	3.1	76.5	18.7	1.7	25,466	50.1	49.8	0.1	11,674
1948-49 : July-February	0.3	76.2	21.7	1.8	15,535	42.9	57.0	0.1	7,220
1949-50 : July-February	10.8	77.9	9.0	2.3	22,615	68.2	31.3	0.5	11,669
1949 : November	11.8	77.4	7.7	3.1	3,993	68.2	31.2	0.6	1,703
December	14.0	76.7	6.6	2.7	3,414	69.4	29.8	0.8	1,927
1950 : January	10.6	82.3	5.8	1.3	2,461	74.2	24.9	0.9	1,402
February	15.6	74.8	7.0	2.6	3,223	72.9	26.5	0.6	1,608

19. Coal Production in New South Wales

Period of Four Weeks *	Last Day of Period (1949 Dates)	1942	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Thousand tons								
1st†	Jan. 29	731	640	519	859	539	513	714
2nd	Feb. 26	933	867	860	796	918	954	945p
3rd	Mar. 26	931	893	913	833	869	929	935p
4th	Apr. 23	886	755	859	804	964	908	
5th	May 21	1,003	791	674	773	878	970	
6th	June 18	965	914	906	990	883	926	
7th	July 16	918	846	798	992	941	225	
8th	Aug. 13	953	914	846	995	984	109	
9th	Sept. 10	1,028	778	911	994	1,061	1,117	
10th	Oct. 8	984	842	975	979	1,024	1,100	
11th	Nov. 5	973	759	1,017	1,092	696	1,108	
12th	Dec. 3	965	869	976	1,130	1,134	1,182	
13th†	Dec. 31	886	308	932	446	830	695	
Year : Underground		12,150	9,653	10,430	10,724	10,466	9,388	
Open Cut ...		56	523	756	959	1,255	1,348	
Total		12,206	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	10,736	

Twelve Weeks ended—

	21st March	17th March	16th March	29th March	27th March	26th March	25th March
Northern District ...	1,792	1,539	1,524	1,674	1,525	1,494	1,729
Southern District* ...	489	478	423	389	408	446	440
Western District ...	364	383	345	425	393	456	425
Total : Underground	n.a.	2,297	2,151	2,297	2,058	2,120	2,281
Open Cut ...	n.a.	103	141	191	268	276	313
Total	2,645	2,400	2,292	2,488	2,326	2,396	2,594p

* Periods in Southern District ended a week later than in other districts from 1942 to 1947.

† Miners' mid-summer holidays : 1942. 1945. 1946. 1947. 1948. 1949. 1950.
 In 1st Period Public 1 week 2 weeks ... 1 week 2 weeks {N-1 wk.
 holidays
 In 13th Period only. 2 weeks 1 week {N-2 wks.
 {S&W-1 wk.

20. Consumption of Gas and Electricity, Sydney

(Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity)

Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units. The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

Month	Average 1929 to 1931	1939	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	100	125	173	165	170	198	218	221
February	100	125	174	181	201	208	227	241
March	100	130	171	185	199	212	231	
April	100	125	172	189	198	218	222	
May	100	128	178	192	198	203	229	
June	100	131	176	197	208	214	189	
July	100	134	184	195	212	199	118	
August	100	135	177	195	212	214	173	
September	100	134	180	201	214	223	228	
October	100	135	174	203	211	216	224	
November	100	136	179	200	214	226	239	
December	100	131	123	180	214	222	231	
Year	100	131	172	191	204	213	209	

MONTHLY PRODUCTION, NEW SOUTH WALES

Data for 1948-49 and 1949-50 are subject to revision.

21. Production of Food and Drink

Period	Butter *	Cheese *	Processed Whole Milk Products	Bacon and Ham	Jam	Preserved Fruit	Preserved Vegetables
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Thousand lb.

Year : 1938-39	113,841	7,193	14,357	25,987	20,635	28,387	4,902
1946-47	60,385	4,544	38,302	35,310	51,936	27,408	25,958
1947-48	76,066	5,909	46,475	31,614	58,978	30,556	25,480
1948-49	74,519	5,562	43,945	29,649	34,310	27,678	26,770
1948-49 : July-Feb.	50,735	3,896	31,064	19,613	26,394	10,282	13,398
Dec.	8,336	625	4,486	2,915	3,888	3,759	1,030
Jan.	8,632	625	4,448	1,954	3,726	1,298	2,575
Feb.	8,243	563	4,808	2,191	2,007	4,483	4,257
1949-50 : July-Feb.	58,654	4,731	37,652	19,379	21,114	14,427	26,064
Dec.	10,459	879	6,732	3,204	4,002	2,651	2,329
Jan.	8,908	695	6,814	1,985	4,730	3,080	5,015
Feb.	8,420	633	5,058	2,110	2,435	8,264	4,408

Period	Flour	Bran (Wheaten)	Pollard (Wheaten)	Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch)	Malt	Biscuits †
	Tons (2,000 lb.)			Cwt.		Bushels	Thous. lb.

Year : 1938-39	547,162	107,779	121,154	82,706	n.a.	640,915	43,611
1946-47	537,389	98,231	124,334	152,515	158,589	608,650	47,512
1947-48	532,460	97,375	119,840	163,130	138,203	656,696	48,068
1948-49	641,606	114,400	151,193	163,680	142,365	636,655	54,677
1948-49 : July-Feb.	449,020	80,930	104,562	85,860	90,162	408,572	35,516
Dec.	49,150	8,654	12,111	4,861	11,601	44,577	4,580
Jan.	55,235	9,798	13,344	8,514	6,794	37,537	3,236
Feb.	51,408	9,196	12,391	10,353	12,533	47,530	4,580
1949-50 : July-Feb.	389,216	67,018	91,612	78,196	91,697	406,343	39,405
Dec.	53,179	9,160	12,226	4,776	11,011	46,864	5,448
Jan.	44,150	7,560	10,006	6,666	10,074	36,477	4,420
Feb.	36,249	6,030	8,102	9,525	14,844	44,615	5,997

Period	Margarine		Ice Cream	Confectionery		Beer
	Table	Other		Chocolate	Other	
	Thousand lb.			Thous. gal.	Thousand lb.	
Year : 1938-39	4,492	22,475	2,233	21,988	26,811	33,899
1946-47	9,206	21,570	5,278	28,460	35,169	50,654
1947-48	5,177	27,938	5,852	27,799	34,896	45,626
1948-49	13,688	34,584	6,944	28,903	32,243	55,630
1948-49 : July-Feb.	8,377	23,156	5,003	18,481	21,705	37,915
Dec.	1,173	2,698	814	1,950	2,375	4,876
Jan.	816	1,665	747	1,207	1,632	4,679
Feb.	947	2,810	799	2,036	2,537	4,516
1949-50 : July-Feb.	7,404	24,024	5,378	18,633	21,056	33,687
Dec.	1,212	2,585	843	2,015	2,374	5,052
Jan.	1,131	2,156	914	1,374	1,869	4,972
Feb.	1,652	3,072	680	2,243	2,876	4,735

* Production in factories only.

† Excluding ice cream cones.

22. Production of Metals, Coal, and Energy

Period	Gold	Coal	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron	Ingot Steel	Gas	Electricity
	Fin. oz.	Thousand tons				Mill. cub. ft.	Mill. kWh
Year : 1938-39	188,488	11,196*	1,136†	1,105†	1,168†	10,896	1,948
1946-47	43,607	11,212	1,184†	926†	1,312†	16,744	3,229
1947-48	50,599	11,780	1,366†	1,030†	1,343†	18,093	3,546
1948-49	63,768	11,736	1,116	897	1,129	18,151	3,717
1948-49 : July-Febr.	40,519	7,829	753	581	752	11,946	2,464
Dec.	5,712	1,039	100	83	105	1,441	298
Jan.	5,376	561	79	68	88	1,422	284
Feb.	3,745	955	92	71	98	1,328	288
1949-50 : July-Febr.	32,628	7,062	779	649	797	11,496	2,335
Dec.	4,681	820r	113	102	132	1,500	313
Jan.	5,468	771	112	100	116	1,393	306r
Feb.	3,454	978	114	90	113	1,403	310

* Year ended 31st December, 1939.

† Year ended 31st May.

‡ Monthly totals are approximate.

23. Production of Miscellaneous Metal Products

Period	Engines (Internal Combustion)		Electric Motors		Motor Bodies		Cycles
	Marine	Other	Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.	Trucks, Trailers and Vans	Other	
Number							
Year : 1938-39	977	1,214	26,671*	3,553	2,023	36,416	
1946-47	2,803	8,943	82,382*	2,071	774	30,259	
1947-48	2,839	11,165	80,465*	25,533*	2,384	988	28,567
1948-49	2,324	16,585	134,836r	31,566	3,102	1,112	27,577
1948-49 : July-Febr.	1,595	10,504	95,657	20,766	2,025	766	19,097
Dec.	173	1,245	10,771r	2,145	237	99	4,007
Jan.	130	849	7,840r	1,709	153	64	1,154
Feb.	177	1,356	11,534	2,533	242	89	1,901
1949-50 : July-Febr.	1,455	10,102	114,339	16,350	2,310	679	18,469
Dec.	210	1,240	15,819r	2,202	333r	94r	3,898
Jan.	163	981	13,879r	1,726	212	78	1,829
Feb.	163	1,629	18,899	2,590	323	80	2,198

* Electric motors for sale as such; later totals include electric motors incorporated in finished products.

24. Production of Clothing

Period	Hats (Felt)	Corsets and Corselets	Brassieres	Gloves		Boots, Shoes, and Sandals*	Slippers
				Dress	Work*		
	Dozen			Dozen pairs		Thousand pairs	
Year : 1938-39	135,262	46,112	35,424	1,265	38,553	4,767	3,107
1946-47	142,781	37,287	87,564	16,562	119,560	7,201	3,041
1947-48	140,662	44,285	84,945	13,866	104,793	6,250	3,143
1948-49	145,282	46,798	108,904	9,503	114,615	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
1948-49 : July-Febr.	95,266	30,282	67,536	6,924	80,463	n.a.	n.a.
Dec.	8,539	4,455	8,652	698	10,277	n.a.	n.a.
Jan.	10,299	2,212	5,723	603	7,367	391	141
Feb.	13,001	3,741	9,379	599	8,723	455	234
1949-50 : July-Febr.	66,558	25,360	90,413	4,348	64,334	3,271	1,644
Dec.	10,932	3,617	11,061	537	8,083	407	218
Jan.	10,962	3,586	5,366	279	5,171	318	154
Feb.	13,254	3,270	14,020	618	8,443	454	209

* Excluding articles of rubber.

25. Production of Building Materials and Fittings

Period	Sawn Timber (Native)	Bricks	Tiles		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Cement
			Terra Cotta	Cement			
	Mill. sup. ft.		Thousands		Thousand sq. yd.		Tons
Year : 1938-39	179.4	379,236	20,129	n.a.	5,291	2,671	432,487
1946-47	300.9	249,533	19,523	230	9,657	3,397	393,397
1947-48	332.6	303,221	21,594	2,841	9,018	3,985	441,023
1948-49	353.7	314,323	22,783	5,642	8,695	4,415	465,354
1948-49 : July-Feb.	245.8	208,807	15,486	3,801	5,977	2,821	290,193
Dec.	30.9	25,462	1,742	434	640	315	28,652
Jan.	37.7	16,484	1,327	370	657	290	26,435
Feb.	26.2	25,610	1,913	428	724	361	38,952
1949-50 : July-Feb.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	5,490	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Dec.	32.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	762	n.y.a.	47,126
Jan.	33.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	692	n.y.a.	42,906
Feb.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	906	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

26. Production of Miscellaneous Products

Period	Refrigerators, Household			Wireless Cabinets	Perambulators
	Electric	Gas	Kerosene		
	Number				
Year : 1938-39	.....	13,102	.....	133,760	42,282
1946-47	21,567	12,598	6,810	196,978	48,859
1947-48	31,772	25,591	9,195	213,226	56,201
1948-49	51,331	21,954	10,934	181,409	47,191
1948-49 : July-Feb.	35,460	17,438	5,275	118,954	28,957
Dec.	5,096	2,645	269	11,342	3,766
Jan.	3,743	1,814	513	7,294	3,493
Feb.	3,882	1,919	558	11,531	5,069
1949-50 : July-Feb.	35,311	9,137	10,905	123,481	27,779
Dec.	6,791	1,738	1,645	13,636	3,406
Jan.	4,445	751	1,057	16,634	4,118
Feb.	4,980	777	1,287	17,479	4,240

Period	Mattresses			Sulphate of Ammonia	Sulphuric Acid
	Spring	Inner Spring	Other		
	Number				
Year : 1938-39	79,140	17,407	n.a.	20,960	85,501
1946-47	59,782	36,296	129,937	22,377	113,572
1947-48	59,491	52,582	181,078	24,611	111,101
1948-49	53,864	79,582	163,349	28,615	94,099
1948-49 : July-Feb.	34,595	48,457	104,737	19,056	63,878
Dec.	3,950	6,063	11,908	2,727	8,713
Jan.	2,918	4,202	9,177	2,412	7,420
Feb.	4,752	6,518	12,179	2,267	8,878
1949-50 : July-Feb.	36,117	60,435	120,773	17,921	52,057
Dec.	5,902	7,688	14,690	3,195	8,936
Jan.	3,935	5,951	11,475	1,256	9,609
Feb.	5,530	8,658	16,751	1,101	6,904

Period	Soap			Soap Extracts and Powders	Glycerine (Refined)
	Household	Toilet	Other		
	Cwt.				
Year : 1938-39	321,957	107,390	58,345	60,102	18,964
1946-47	161,822	188,232	79,311	196,457	21,928
1947-48	217,042	224,716	114,802	279,658	20,019
1948-49	254,198	221,804	77,660	327,782	34,015
1948-49 : July-Feb.	182,981	156,913	50,698	197,742	22,572
Dec.	24,224	20,583	5,294	27,235	3,220
Jan.	16,373	14,761	4,580	23,102	1,750
Feb.	20,809	18,935	5,220	22,930	2,391
1949-50 : July-Feb.	152,822	149,381	45,785	265,492	19,215
Dec.	14,120	17,961	5,266	20,274	2,636
Jan.	12,136	15,770	4,857	20,650	1,761
Feb.	22,557	22,359	7,683	32,404	2,426

27. Index of Rainfall in Rural Districts, New South Wales
 (Normal rainfall for each month = 100)

Month	Sheep Districts					Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying District			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1949 : February	224	174	114	181	170	225	167	112	140	115	222	138	145
March	99	147	227	388	186	64	152	248	200	161	165	145	160
April	91	82	51	85	75	118	72	56	68	79	79	37	74
May	45	98	129	165	101	41	91	120	103	82	68	138	85
June	111	105	56	46	84	110	112	37	65	99	282	317	174
July	63	62	104	62	76	51	65	111	92	85	143	61	97
August	91	68	25	24	56	108	67	23	46	189	202	48	174
September	256	191	104	168	179	272	187	106	148	76	208	157	120
October	277	197	242	283	243	246	176	258	235	235	117	97	187
November	153	129	195	104	155	162	153	192	178	82	114	232	109
December	42	57	55	21	48	41	69	53	56	48	62	51	52
1950 : January	101	193	115	85	130	59	174	110	120	70	126	167	97
February	220	346	337	361	309	218	343	361	339	220	210	284	226
March	70	286	437	371	283	50	286	445	354	85	56	340	110

N.—Northern.

C.—Central.

S.—Southern.

W.—Western.

T.—Total, all districts.

WOOL**28. Number of Sheep, Sheep Shorn, and Production of Wool, New South Wales**

Sheep as at 31st March. Sheep Shorn and Wool Production (as in grease) in season ended June

Particulars	1938-39	1941-42	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49
Sheep mill.	48.9	56.7	46.7	44.1	43.1	46.1	50.4
Sheep shorn mill.	51.5	58.5	52.3	45.4	43.1	43.7	48.1
Wool produced* to mill. lb.	437.1	547.0	448.7	431.5	432.6	422.3	463.2

* Includes crutchings and wool from skins.

29. Wool Received into Store and Unsold in Store, New South Wales

(Excluding Albury Centre and Joint Organisation Stocks)

Period	Received into Store during period				Unsold in Store at end of period			
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
	Thousand bales							
Season : 1946-47	922.8	158.2	42.7	1,123.7	34.5	4.6	0.3	39.4
1947-48	869.2	152.1	46.9	1,068.2	13.7	1.2	0.2	15.1
1948-49	998.9	181.1	54.4	1,234.4	75.7	2.8	0.5	79.0
1947-48 : July-Feb.	716.1	132.0	44.7	892.8	175.8	18.6	18.4	212.8
1948-49 : July-Feb.	847.8	153.0	52.2	1,053.0	277.5	25.5	20.6	323.6
1949-50 : July-Feb.	861.8	191.1	54.8	1,107.7	89.5	46.8	23.5	159.8
1948 : December	77.3	10.4	6.9	94.6	368.2	52.4	34.2	454.8
1949 : January	25.0	4.2	0.6	29.8	339.0	56.0	34.8	429.8
February	26.5	4.8	0.5	31.8	277.5	25.5	20.6	323.6
1949 : December	87.5	23.1	7.7	118.3	244.0	60.4	32.0	336.4
1950 : January	33.8	11.1	0.8	45.7	168.0	69.5	32.8	270.3
February	26.9	6.4	0.3	33.6	89.5	46.8	23.5	159.8

30. Wool : Sales at Auction, New South Wales

Excluding Albury Centre. Includes small quantities bought-in by Joint Organisation, but excludes sales from stocks held by Joint Organisation.

Period	Wool Sold					Amount Realised			
	Greasy and Scoured			Total		Sydney	New- castle	Goul- burn	Total
	Sydney	New- castle	Goul- burn	Greasy	Scoured				
Thousand bales *					£ thousand				
Season : 1938-39	1,144.6	32.1	...	1,118.9	57.8	n.a.	n.a.	...	15,521
1946-47	889.8	154.1	42.4	1,014.0	72.3	26,906	4,551	1,453	32,910
1947-48	882.2	148.6	47.0	994.8	83.0	42,881	7,556	2,535	52,972
1948-49	925.4	170.2	54.0	1,079.0	70.6	53,699	10,193	3,439	67,331
1947-48 : July-Febr.	569.5	112.8	26.7	648.4	60.6	27,152	5,789	1,431	34,372
1948-49 : July-Febr.	577.1	121.7	31.7	679.2	51.3	35,324	7,739	2,177	45,240
1949-50 : July-Febr.	837.2	134.0	31.8	946.9	56.1	62,049	10,028	2,559	74,636
1948 : December	77.9	18.1	5.3	95.1	6.2	5,291	1,398	381	7,070
1949 : January	53.0	...	...	48.2	4.8	3,505	...	...	3,505
February	87.4	34.9	14.8	130.9	6.2	5,911	2,508	1,086	9,505
1949 : December	122.5	26.1	8.3	149.5	7.4	9,964	2,258	713	12,935
1950 : January	109.2	...	...	103.7	5.5	10,812	...	...	10,812
February	105.0	27.2	9.5	135.8	5.9	9,825	2,518	852	13,195

* Scoured bales not converted to greasy basis.

31. Prices of Greasy Wool, Sydney and New South Wales

Season	Average Price at Auction		Month	Average Price that would be realised if whole N.S.W. clip was sold at price level of current month		
	Sydney	New South Wales *		1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
	Pence per lb.			Pence per lb.		
1938-39	10.3	‡	October	34.5	43.5	52.0
1939-40†	13.4	‡	November	36.5	48.5	55.5
1945-46†	15.1	‡	December	36.5‡	53.0	60.5
1946-47	23.3	23.6	January	41.5	53.0	74.5
1947-48	37.2	37.9	February	43.5	54.5	71.0
1948-49	46.1	46.8	March	40.0‡	54.5‡	69.5p

* Excluding Albury (regarded as a Victorian selling centre). † Based on United Kingdom purchase prices; does not allow for payments accruing for profits on re-sale of contract wool. ‡ Prior to 1939-45 War, nearly all New South Wales wool was sold in Sydney.

§ Nominal.

32. Wheat Growing in New South Wales

Season	Holdings with 20 acres or more Wheat for Grain	Area under Wheat		Yield of Grain	
		Total	For Grain	Total	Average per acre
	Number	Acres		Bushels	
1935-36 to 1944-45*	15,875†	4,194,269	3,832,414	48,480,000	12.7
1945-46	n.a.	4,213,431	3,773,901	62,520,000	16.6
1946-47	15,971	4,772,978	4,474,894	15,682,000	3.5
1947-48	16,803	5,355,169	5,043,017	95,227,000	18.9
1948-49	15,674	4,242,969	4,038,447	64,704,000	16.0
1949-50‡	n.y.a.	4,206,000	4,021,000	83,000,000	20.6

* Annual average. Statistician, January, 1950.

† Average of six seasons 1935-36 to 1940-41.

‡ Preliminary estimate by State

33. Wheat: Prices and Return to Growers, New South Wales and Prices in Canada

Period*	Australian Wheat Board		Net Return, f.o.r. country siding, to N.S.W. Growers§	Canadian No. 1 Northern Wheat; in store, Fort William—Port Arthur and Vancouver
	Export Price†||	Home Consumption Price†||		For Commercial Export
	s. d. per bushel			(Can.) Cents per bushel
Season : 1938-39	2 6.1	2 5.9	2 2.8	62.0
1946-47	14 1	3 11.3	10 3.8	244.0
1947-48	19 4.7	6 0.3	11 10.3	287.9
1948-49	15 8.2	6 8	n.y.a.	226.3
1949 : September	16 2	6 8		221.6
October	20 0	6 8		237.7
November	20 0	6 8		234.2
December	19 7	6 8		221.9
1950 : January	19 0	6 8		214.2
February	19 0	6 8		216.2

* Yearly averages are for years ended July for Australian export and Canadian wheats, and for years ended November for Australian home consumption wheat. † Basic export selling price for non-contract wheat

and wheat in excess of International Wheat Agreement quota; much wheat is sold under contract at fixed prices for delivery over lengthy periods. Current maximum and minimum prices under International Agreement are 16s. Id. and 13s. 5d. per bushel. ‡ To millers, bulk basis, f.o.r. ports. § Allowing for cost of bags and including

Governmental assistance to wheat growers. || For Australian wheat the bases are—Export : 1938-39, weighted average shippers' limits for bulk and bagged lots, f.o.r. Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide; 1946-47 to 1948-49, average for bulk and bagged wheat f.o.r. ports; 1949-50, f.a.q. bulk wheat f.o.b.; Home Consumption : wholesale price in Sydney for f.a.q. wheat.

34. Whole Milk Production, New South Wales

Period.	Year	July-Jan.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
	Thousand gallons.					
1934-35 to 1938-39*	331,963	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1939-40 to 1943-44*	300,682	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1946-47	254,094	139,763	20,256	21,627	25,007	24,516
1947-48	295,371	175,728	24,985	26,299	35,151	37,534
1948-49p	289,171	167,203	27,510	27,670	29,349	30,116
1949-50p		186,945	30,223	34,101	34,998	31,370

* Annual average.

35. Butter: Prices, Export and Local, and Return to Farmer

Season	Export*	Sydney Wholesale	Net Return to farmer †	Month	Export*	Sydney Wholesale
	s. d. per lb.				s. d. per lb.	
1938-39	1 1.2	1 5	1 1	1948 : December	2 7.3	1 11.1
1945-46	1 7.8	1 5.9	1 8.3	1949 : January	2 7.3	1 11.1
1946-47	1 11.2	1 5.9	1 8.3	February	2 7.3	1 11.1
1947-48	2 3.3	1 7.5	1 11.9	December	2 9.6	1 11.1
1948-49	2 7.3	1 11.1	2 1.9‡	1950 : January	2 9.6	1 11.1
				February	2 9.6	1 11.1

* United Kingdom contract price, f.o.b., Australia, except 1938-39, which is Sydney parity of average top price, London, weighted by monthly New South Wales exports. † Average price paid for cream supplied to New South Wales factories, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years. ‡ The Commonwealth Government has guaranteed a return to the farmer of 2s. 4½d. per lb. in 1949-50.

36. Oversea Trade, New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales			Australia			Gold Production	
	Merchandise							
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports		
£A million f.o.b.								
Year : 1938-39	49.9	37.7	(-) 12.2	113.2	121.5	8.3	14.6	
1946-47	93.0	116.5	23.5	208.3	308.9	100.6	9.9	
1947-48	150.4	134.7	(-) 15.7	338.1	405.0	66.9	9.7	
1948-49	177.2	176.6	(-) 0.6	414.1	541.1	127.0	10.1	
1947-48 : July-Feb.	95.1	74.5	(-) 20.6	212.9	237.8	24.9	6.8	
1948-49 : July-Feb.	113.9	119.0	5.1	268.3	356.4	88.1	6.7	
1949-50 : July-Feb.	129.7	131.8	2.1	328.7	372.0	43.3	n.y.a.	
1948 : December	14.1	13.7	(-) 0.4	31.8	51.8	20.0	0.9	
1949 : January	12.9	14.5	1.6	31.3	39.5	8.2	0.7	
February	16.8	16.6	(-) 0.2	37.8	51.7	13.9	0.7	
1949 : December	16.1	17.1	1.0	44.6	51.9	7.3	1.1	
1950 : January	20.2	19.3	(-) 0.9	44.5	52.5	8.0	1.0	
February	15.7	21.6	5.9	44.0	61.1	17.1	n.y.a.	

(—) Denotes excess of import.

37. Wholesale Trade, New South Wales

Sales of taxable and exempt goods by traders registered under Sales Tax Acts

Period	1939-40	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
	£ million						
August	16.8	23.8	20.2	28.7	32.1	39.7	35.7
September	19.4	21.4	23.7	29.0	32.0	39.1	41.0
October	19.2	21.8	22.4	26.6	30.9	37.5	44.8
November	17.5	20.3	39.1	24.7	32.7	39.4	40.1
December	18.3	22.8		27.8	34.2	35.1	51.4
January	16.3	18.6	17.6	21.7	25.2	32.2	39.4
July-January	122.9	149.7	145.1	184.1	214.8	258.3	288.6
Year ended June	204.3	255.4	264.8	320.3	382.5	452.8	

38. Retail Trade : Principal City Stores, Sydney

Compiled by Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with Commonwealth Bank

Period	Business Days in Period		Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid	Number of Employees*	Three months ended in month shown	
	Previous Year	Current Year					Value of Net Sales	Wages and Salaries Paid
	Number		Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) compared with corresponding period of preceding year.					
Year : 1946	301	302	+ 32.2	+ 3.8	+ 28.0	+ 20.0		
1947	302	302	+ 18.7	+ 32.5	+ 21.5	+ 8.6		
1948	302	303	+ 16.3	+ 20.6	+ 20.6	+ 6.0		
1949	303	302	+ 6.8	+ 6.7	+ 13.8	+ 0.4		
1948 : Aug.	26	26	+ 19.3	+ 17.1	+ 23.8	+ 5.8	+ 19.1	+ 22.3
Sept.	26	26	+ 1.9	+ 17.3	+ 19.6	+ 3.9	+ 15.6	+ 21.1
Oct.	26	25	+ 4.2	+ 15.6	+ 16.7	+ 3.3	+ 8.3	+ 20.0
Nov.	25	26	+ 19.8	+ 13.6	+ 20.9	+ 5.7	+ 8.2	+ 19.1
Dec.	24	24	+ 15.5	+ 11.9	+ 22.5	+ 2.8	+ 13.1	+ 20.3
1949 : Jan.	25	23	+ 12.2	+ 11.1	+ 21.4	+ 2.3	+ 16.0	+ 21.7
1949 : Aug.	26	27	— 2.8	+ 6.1	+ 11.8	— 1.8	+ 5.3	+ 11.2
Sept.	26	26	+ 4.1	+ 5.8	+ 9.6	+ 2.2	+ 4.5	+ 8.3
Oct.	25	25	+ 10.0	+ 5.8	+ 8.9	+ 2.0	+ 3.5	+ 10.1
Nov.	26	26	+ 13.2	+ 6.3	+ 10.9	+ 2.0	+ 9.1	+ 9.8
Dec.	24	25	+ 8.2	+ 3.8	+ 11.3	+ 0.4	+ 10.3	+ 10.5
1950 : Jan.	23	24	+ 7.6	+ 4.1	+ 5.7	+ 3.0	+ 9.7	+ 9.4

* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 4.

BANKING

Of the 18 trading banks which conduct business in Australia, 14 operate in New South Wales, comprising 9 private trading banks, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank of N.S.W., and 3 oversea banks.

39. Trading Banks : Deposits and Assets in Australia

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Deposits*	Cash Items	Treasury Bills	Government and Municipal Securities	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted*
£ million						
NINE TRADING BANKS						
1939 : June	318.0	28.6	23.9	22.1	...	291.7
1945 : June	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1947 : June	648.3	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1948 : June	716.8	45.6	19.1	59.5	293.0	348.8
1949 : June	817.4	40.0	11.1	62.5	381.2	383.3
1948 : December	788.6	50.3	30.0	61.2	304.6	371.5
1949 : January	791.1	53.8	32.0	61.3	321.1	363.2
February	813.3	51.4	32.1	62.0	344.1	363.2
1949 : December	914.6	58.0	44.4	77.5	337.5	404.0
1950 : January	929.9	59.4	37.0	84.7	364.5	400.9
February	966.7	52.0	31.8	92.5	409.7	399.8
COMMONWEALTH BANK (OTHER THAN CENTRAL BANKING)						
1947 : June	59.4	6.4	2.1	35.7	...	28.9
1948 : June	61.8	7.0	0.8	33.6	...	37.9
1949 : June	69.9	5.9	...	34.4	...	57.7
1948 : December	66.5	7.8	0.8	32.7	...	47.7
1949 : January	66.8	8.6	0.8	37.5	...	50.6
February	68.0	8.6	0.4	37.8	...	51.9
1949 : December	97.7	20.9	...	41.1	...	72.2
1950 : January	91.7	14.9	...	41.1	...	74.2
February	86.3	8.0	...	41.6	...	86.1
ALL (18) TRADING BANKS						
1947 : June	723.5	43.1	17.2	127.9	277.2	352.1
1948 : June	800.0	56.5	21.0	106.4	294.0	424.6
1949 : June	914.8	49.1	12.2	111.5	382.8	482.9
1948 : December	880.0	62.2	33.0	106.7	305.7	458.6
1949 : January	885.5	67.7	35.1	111.6	322.3	453.5
February	909.9	65.2	35.0	114.0	345.5	454.9
1949 : December	1,042.3	83.0	45.1	130.5	339.2	522.0
1950 : January	1,053.6	78.2	38.0	138.2	366.2	521.2
February	1,089.8	65.1	33.0	147.8	411.6	532.2

* Since January, 1949, technical changes by certain banks in method of compilation have had the effect of reducing deposits and advances by like amounts (the amounts in months of change were £9,000,000 in January and £2,600,000 in July, 1949).

40. Trading Banks : Deposits and Advances in New South Wales

Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Nine Trading Banks			Commonwealth Bank*		All (14) Banks	
	Deposits†			Deposits	Advances	Deposits†	Advances†
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total				
£ million							
1947 : June	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1948 : June	197.5	67.9	265.4	142.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1949 : June	228.1	73.2	301.3	150.4	40.5	27.0	358.5
1948 : Dec.	223.8	73.1	296.9	149.7	39.3	23.4	351.2
1949 : Jan.	223.6	73.9	297.5	139.9	39.3	24.7	353.7
Feb.	227.5	73.7	301.2	140.9	39.9	25.0	358.3
1949 : Dec.	270.7	76.2	346.9	154.3	47.1	33.2	413.1
1950 : Jan.	281.5	77.6	359.1	151.6	46.3	34.1	425.6
Feb.	296.4	79.4	375.8	150.3	49.2	34.4	448.8

* Other than Central Banking. † Since January, 1949, technical changes by certain banks in method of compilation have had the effect of reducing deposits and advances by like amounts (the amounts in months of change were £5.8 m. in January, and £0.7 m. in July, 1949).

41. Savings Banks in New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales					Australia	
	Active Accounts*	Deposits	Interest Credited	With-drawals	Depositors' Balances*	Active Accounts*	Depositors' Balances*
	Thousand	£ thousand				Thousand	£ thousand
Year : 1938-39	1,330	66,577	1,610	67,155	87,474	3,858	245,587
1945-46	1,911	191,112	3,801	156,874	236,242	5,467	663,554
1946-47	1,967	158,994	4,054	167,922	231,368	5,593	660,015
1947-48	2,013	160,875	3,991	159,270	236,964	5,728	681,318
1948-49	2,072	171,622	4,062	168,165	244,483	5,890	714,219
1948 : November	2,038	14,557		14,357	238,031	5,777	688,515
December	2,041	14,704		14,810	237,924	5,784	688,416
1949 : January	2,051	12,767		12,127	238,564	5,810	690,600
February	2,061	14,495		13,059	240,000	5,838	694,562
1949 : November	2,105	16,135		15,697	248,356	5,984	729,504
December	2,111	18,030		17,367	249,019	5,992	732,127
1950 : January	2,120	16,217		14,642	250,594	6,016	735,773
February	2,131	16,269		15,108	251,755	6,045	739,234

* At end of period.

Savings Certificates.—The issue of savings certificates ceased on 31st January, 1949. The net amount outstanding in New South Wales at the end of January was £26,016,000 in 1949, and £23,360,000 in 1950.

42. Inter-Bank Clearings, Sydney

Value of cheques drawn on a bank other than the bank in which they were deposited

Period	Amount of Clearings—£ million					Index Number of Clearings				
	1938-39	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1938-39	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
July	70.5	174.9	183.4	230.3	244.7	101	206	229	291	326
August	72.9	157.3	162.4	199.3	208.5	101	214	227	287	314
September	77.6	159.4	176.9	229.7	271.1	99	217	232	293	303
October	79.5	182.2	197.3	238.2	259.2	101	216	234	291	302
November	82.7	164.1	203.8	237.3	291.6	102	211	243	298	328
December	88.1	165.6	192.2	246.5	304.9	102	208	243	296	350
January	66.5	142.3	171.3	191.4	247.6	98	196	236	282	352
February	75.5	150.2	182.0	213.2	282.2	96	194	231	274	351
March	80.5	170.0	196.4	238.0	358.0	93	193	230	267	367
April	70.7	181.8	205.9	244.7		98	218	253	300	
May	82.0	186.4	233.1	261.2		100	229	269	315	
June	80.3	176.9	230.1	269.8		101	236	289	336	
Year	926.8	2,011.1	2,334.8	2,799.6		99	214	248	298	

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

43. Interest Rates, New South Wales

Period	Private First Mortgages Registered*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†		Trading Banks‡			Savings Bank Deposits‡		Treasury Bills‡ (Discount)
					Fixed Deposits		Over-draft (Max.)	To £500	£500 to £1,000	
	Urban	Rural	Short-dated : 2 years	Long-dated : 12 years	3 months	24 months				
Per cent. per annum										
Year : 1938-39	5.5	5.1	3.67	3.85	2.00	3.00	5.75§	2.00	1.75¶	1.75
1945-46	4.7	4.4	2.18	3.24	0.50	1.50||	4.75	2.00	1.00	1.00
1947-48	4.4	4.3	2.34	3.17	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	1.00
1948-49	4.4	4.3	2.07	3.15	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1948 : February	4.4	4.2	2.46	3.18	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	1.00
1949 : February	4.4	4.3	2.05	3.16	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	1.00
November	4.4	4.3	1.97	3.13	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
December	4.4	4.3	2.00	3.12	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
1950 : January	4.4	4.3	1.83	3.11	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75
February	4.4	4.3	1.95	3.12	0.50	1.50	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75

* Average for year or for 3 months ended month shown.

in month. Estimated by Commonwealth Bank from securities maturing under 5 years (short) and 10 or more years (long). 1938-39 subject to Commonwealth Income Tax rates not exceeding those in 1930, later years to current tax rates. ‡ Rate current at end of period.

§ Applies to certain banks; later rates are maximum permitted by regulation. ¶ £1 to limit of £1,300 until March, 1942.

† Average for year or as at last Wednesday

of month. Estimated by Commonwealth Bank from securities maturing under 5 years (short) and 10 or more years (long). 1938-39 subject to Commonwealth Income Tax rates not exceeding those in 1930, later years to current tax rates. || From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1.50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

44. Index of Value of Shares on Sydney Stock Exchange

The index relates to the value of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks), whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made for changes in capital structure.

Month	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	8 Public Utility Companies	5 Pastoral Finance Companies	5 Insurance Companies	Total, 75* Companies	34 Active Shares included in foregoing
1939 : Aug.	212.6	168.2	156.0	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945 : Sept.	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1948 : Jan.	361.4	315.5	184.7	191.7	407.8	271.5	283.7
Mar.	345.3	305.6	179.7	173.7	401.6	260.5	268.4
June	362.7	319.6	177.2	187.6	407.0	267.7	279.4
Sept.	359.6	316.0	173.1	194.5	414.6	264.2	276.1
Dec.	351.7	301.0	172.6	180.6	431.0	259.4	268.2
1949 : Mar.	345.1	288.3	165.2	180.6	464.1	254.6	262.2
June	326.9	274.4	153.1	171.7	462.3	242.4	246.4
July	323.6	271.4	153.5	173.5	456.1	239.7	244.2
Aug.	332.2	286.3	155.9	184.0	464.9	247.8	255.0
Sept.	340.1	289.1	157.8	183.7	473.6	252.1	259.0
Oct.	350.6	289.5	156.9	187.0	482.3	257.3	266.5
Nov.	358.3	294.5	158.4	190.7	493.1	262.4	270.2
Dec.	365.6	295.3	158.1	193.1	497.3	265.9	273.7
1950 : Jan.	373.1	306.7	158.9	195.6	511.9	272.0	280.8
Feb.	378.1	310.8	159.7	200.3	533.0	277.5	282.6
Mar.	389.4	315.2	159.0	202.6	545.4	285.4	285.6

* Including 24 miscellaneous companies.

45. Real Estate Transactions and Crop, Wool, and Stock Mortgages Registered in New South Wales

Period	Real Estate Conveyances and Transfers		Mortgages*	Crop Liens	Wool Liens†	Livestock Mortgages†
	Number	£ thousand				
Year : 1938-39	50,295	35,272	25,068	1,908	3,064	1,736
1944-45	43,521	23,350	7,611	847	1,542	761
1947-48	79,694	60,202	30,924	460	2,100	2,011
1948-49	86,201	62,229	32,518	333	2,391	2,768
1948-49 : July-Mar.	64,353	45,276	23,100	234	1,436	1,998
1949-50 : July-Mar.	74,803	82,399	39,343	362	2,102	2,021
1949 : January	6,098	4,749	2,199	13	101	151
February	6,504	4,475	2,838	13	153	188
March	8,278	6,242	3,477	31	171	236
1950 : January	7,457	9,346	3,555	22	146	175
February	8,088	10,314	4,187	25	170	192
March	9,091	12,896	4,644	28	245	159

* As consideration is not recorded in many mortgages, the amount is understated; it relates to mortgages in fixed amounts for fixed periods and excludes fluctuating advances secured by mortgage. † Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

46. Life Assurance, New South Wales

(a) New Policies Issued (exclusive of annuities)*.

Period	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured
	Policies	Sum Assured	Policies	Sum Assured	
	Number	£ thousand	Number	£ thousand	£ thousand
Year† : 1939	50,520	18,179	156,787	7,540	25,719
1945	53,927	23,999	109,862	7,513	31,512
1947	98,149	43,268	115,181	10,241	53,509
1948	99,282	47,956	115,336	11,076	59,032
1949‡	92,446	49,662	114,916	11,430	61,092
1948 : October	6,862	3,320	8,479	827	4,147
November	7,804	3,655	10,546	1,029	4,584
December	10,948	6,452	5,345	529	6,381
1949 : January	3,696	2,020	4,981	500	2,520
1949 : October	6,728	3,457	12,968	1,279	4,736
November	8,741	5,038	10,382	1,039	6,077
December	9,761	6,226	6,166	629	6,855
1950 : January	4,432	2,456	4,287	445	2,901

* Includes operations of Government Insurance Office of New South Wales.

† Annual figures are aggregates of yearly returns for "various balance" dates (mainly in September or December of year specified).

‡ Total of monthly figures, January to December.

(b) New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies in New South Wales* (exclusive of advances of premiums).

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	On Other Securities	Total Loans Granted
	£ thousand			
Year : 1947	2,799	789	1,452	5,040
1948	5,828	861	2,540	9,229
1949	9,264	931	2,913	13,108
1948 : November	1,114	74	178	1,366
December	580	74	356	1,010
1949 : January	437	49	125	611
1949 : November	935	79	293	1,307
December	1,106	69	416	1,591
1950 : January	564	59	271	894

* The Government Insurance Office of New South Wales is not included.

47. Commonwealth Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-March		Item	July-March	
	1948-49	1949-50		1948-49	1949-50
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
Taxes—			Social Services*—		
Customs	46,490	57,274	Invalid, Age Pensions	29,760	32,965
Excise	47,379	49,327	Widows' Pensions	3,256	3,353
Sales	28,955	30,931	Child Endowment	17,494	23,167
Income Tax	77,818	73,783	Hospital Benefits	4,113	4,748
Social Services Contribution	65,989	73,987	Unemployment, etc., Benefits ...	779	2,179
Payroll	14,520	16,522	Other	2,516	3,191
Estate	3,275	4,398			
Entertainments	3,893	3,517	Total, Social Services* ...	57,918	69,603
Other	1,600	2,278			
Total Taxes	289,919	311,917			
Post Office	24,573	28,179	To States—		
Broadcasting		1,396	Tax Reimbursements	32,067	37,327
Railways	1,015	1,300	Other	17,844	31,117
Territories	530	595	Capital Works	24,360	46,423
Other	23,711	14,351	Post Office†	26,414	30,418
	339,748	357,738	Broadcasting†		1,983
Primary Production†	17,003	10,771	Railways†	1,377	1,707
			Territories†	3,776	4,701
			Defence Services		
Total Revenue	356,751	368,509	War and Repatriation—		
			Pensions	190,113	16,605
			Other		48,843
			Debt Charges		49,781
			Other		32,442
			Primary Production†	17,003	10,771
			Total Expenditure	370,872	410,876

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

† Self-balancing items.

‡ Excluding debt charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than War and Repatriation which is included above) in the nine months ended March, consisted of Advances to States for Housing, £11,465,000 in 1949-50 and £10,222,000 in 1948-49.

48. New South Wales Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Item	July-March		Item	July-March	
	1948-49	1949-50		1948-49	1949-50
	£ thousand			£ thousand	
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange, Sinking Fund and Loan Management ...	13,079	12,967
Towards Interest...	2,188	2,188	Less—Recoups from other Activities	1,416	1,535
Reimbursement of Taxes	13,212	15,291			
Stamp and Probate Duty	6,048	6,733	Net Debt Charges	11,663	11,432
Other Taxes...	1,484	1,434			
Land	1,853	2,149	Other than Debt Charges—		
Services	1,479	1,571	Governmental	25,682	30,307
Other	4,720	5,461 ^a	Business Undertakings ...	32,796	35,464
Total Governmental	30,984	34,827			
Business Undertakings	37,389	39,782^b	Total Expenditure	70,141	77,203
Total Revenue	68,373	74,609			

* Includes Commonwealth grant towards losses caused by general coal strike: (a) £61,000 and (b) £3,200,000.

Loan Expenditure on works and services during the nine months ended March was gross £17,340,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £15,895,000 in 1949-50, compared with gross £13,286,000 and net £12,880,000 in 1948-49.

49. Australian Export Price Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician from prices of twenty commodities constituting at present about 80 per cent. of all Australian exports. The prices are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) in the years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000

Period	Wool	Wheat	Butter	Metals*	Meats†	All Groups‡	
						Excluding Gold	Including Gold
§ (a)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	100.00	100.00
§ (b)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	...	...
Year : 1938-39	793	656	1011	842	956	819	834
1945-46	1165	2130	1474	1956	1234	1477	1459
1947-48	2872	4195	1935	3723	1464	2955	2834
1948-49	3649	4134	2330	4781	1706	3481	3324
1948 : December	3997	4184	2330	4805	1757	3667	3497
1949 : January	3997	3967	2330	5508	1757	3682	3511
February	4111	3827	2330	5513	1757	3705	3532
1949 : December	4563	3943	2504	4265	2004	3901	3753
1950 : January	5619	3948	2504	4321	2004	4424	4239
February	5355p	3971p	2504	4346	2005	4301p	4124p

* Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, spelter, lead. † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. ‡ Includes also sugar, dried fruits, tallow, and hides. § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a) including Gold and (b) Excluding Gold.

50. Oversea Exchange Rates

Mean of Buying and Selling rates for telegraphic transfers quoted by Commonwealth Bank, average of daily rates.

Australia on—	Quotation	1938-39		1946		1950		
		Average	June	January	February	March		
London ...	£A to £stg.100	125.25	125.25	125.25	125.25	125.25	125.25	125.25
New Zealand ...	£A to £N.Z.100	100.33	100.25	124.27	124.27	124.27	124.27	124.27
South Africa ...	£A. to £S.A.100	124.70	124.88	124.88	124.88	124.88	124.88	124.88
Montreal ...	Can. \$ to £A.1	3.79	3.54	2.46	2.45	2.46	2.46	2.46
New York ...	U.S. \$ to £A.1	3.78	3.22	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24	2.24
France ...	francs to £A.1	141.75	383.24	782.44	782.44	782.44	782.44	782.44
Belgium ...	francs to £A.1	111.58	141.02	111.78	111.78	111.78	111.78	111.78
India ...	rupees to £A.1	10.69	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.64

51. Wholesale Price Index : Basic Materials and Foodstuffs

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. Prices are drawn mainly from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal, and one or two minor commodities, the index may be deemed to represent movements of wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000

Period	Metals and Coal	Textiles	Building Materials	Total Basic Materials	Foodstuffs and Tobacco	Goods Principally Imported*	Goods Principally Home-produced	Total, All Groups
Year : 1938-39	1025	815	970	992	1029	991	1020	1011
1945-46	1302	1518	1766	1490	1348	1782	1257	1412
1947-48	1460	2833	1898	1655	1532	1924	1448	1588
1948-49	1849	3419	1983	1884	1747	2008	1727	1809
1948 : Nov.	1876	3484	1966	1895	1735	2008	1724	1807
Dec.	1876	3650	1985	1907	1761	2010	1751	1827
1949 : Jan.	1936	3639	1986	1929	1765	2011	1769	1840
1949 : Nov.	2093	3864	2081	2073r	1915	2171r	1910	1987r
Dec.	2144	4239	2081	2128	1971	2208	1973	2042
1950 : Jan.	2185	4935	2409	2249	1931	2322	1973	2076

* Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This Index does not measure changes in import prices generally.

52. Wholesale Price Index Numbers, Certain Countries

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939=1000

Period	Australia	New Zealand	South Africa	United Kingdom		Canada	United States	France
	Common-wealth Statistician	Govern-ment Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Board of Trade	Economist	Dominion Statistician	Bureau of Labour and Statistics	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.
Year : 1938-39	1011	1021	1004	958	925	935	948	1117
1945-46	1412	1567	1585	1673	1610	1321	1325	5340
1947-48	1588	1730	1741	2032	2055	1797	1970	14514
1948-49	1809	1802	1855	2179	2184	1987	1990	20319
1948 : June	1667	1818	1829	2170	2172	1913	2042	18430
Dec.	1827	1784	1832	2157	2196	2010	1995	21482
1949 : June	1858	1795	1900	2266	2212	1969	1898	19749
July	1910	1789	1903	2242r	2181	1973	1886	20207
August	1912	1783	1921	2242r	2186	1959	1879	20905
Sept.	1908	1785	1924	2254r	2291	1958	1887r	21341
October	1937	1793	1921	2318r	2324	1979	1870	21820r
Nov.	1987r	1801	1927	2347r	2333	1978	1863r	21853

53. Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)

Base : Weighted Average for six Capital Cities in 1923-27=1000

(a) Group Indexes and "All Items," Sydney

Quarter	Food and Groceries	Rent, 4 and 5 Rooms	Clothing	Miscellaneous Items	Total "All Items"	
					Index Number	Increase from Sept. Qr., 1939
1939 : September	930	1039	841	939	933	..
1943 : June*	1065	1042	1479	1162	1165	24.9
1945 : June	1040	1043	1410	1163	1141	22.3
1947 : June	1096	1044	1540	1187	1194	28.0
1948 : June	1235	1046	1748	1267	1305	39.9
September	1279	1047	1811	1279	1337	43.3
December	1326	1047	1831	1279	1359	45.7
1949 : March	1350	1048	1891	1334	1391	49.1
June	1384	1048	1980	1347	1425	52.7
September	1395	1049	2054	1385	1452	55.6
December	1421	1049	2161	1389	1486	59.3
1950 : March	1459	1049	2190	1435	1515	62.4

(b) Districts of New South Wales ("All Items")

Quarter	Sydney	Newcastle	Broken Hill	Goulburn	Bathurst	Five Towns†
1939 : September	933	897	943	914	881	930
1943 : June*	1165	1126	1185	1140	1107	1162
1945 : June	1141	1099	1193	1111	1089	1138
1947 : June	1194	1150	1237	1160	1147	1191
1948 : June	1305	1263	1364	1271	1263	1302
September	1337	1296	1396	1309	1298	1334
December	1359	1324	1419	1341	1318	1357
1949 : March	1391	1352	1461	1380	1358	1389
June	1425	1393	1504	1421	1393	1424
September	1452	1413	1554	1434	1411	1451
December	1486	1449	1593	1467	1448	1485
1950 : March	1515	1473	1614	1495	1475	1513

* War-time peak.

† Weighted average.

54. Basic Wage : Industrial Awards, New South Wales

Quarter (commencing in month shown)	Adult Males				Adult Females*		
	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong -Pt. Kembla	Broken Hill	Other Country Districts	Crown Employees (All Districts)	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong -Pt. Kembla	Other Country Districts	Crown Employees (All Districts)
	s. per week				s. d. per week		
1939 : June	82	85	79	80	44 0	42 6	43 0
1945 : Aug.	98	103	95	97	53 0	51 6	52 6
1946 : Nov.	101	105	98	99	54 6	53 0	53 6
Dec.†	108	112	105	106	58 6	56 6	57 0
1947 : Aug.	110	114	107	109	59 6	58 0	59 0
1948 : Feb.	114	119	111	113	61 6	60 0	61 0
May	116	121	113	115	62 6	61 0	62 0
Aug.	120	125	117	118	65 0	63 0	63 6
Nov.	122	127	119	121	66 0	64 6	65 6
1949 : Feb.	124	129	121	123	67 0	65 6	66 6
May	127	133	124	126	68 6	67 0	68 0
Aug.	130	137	127	129	70 0	68 6	69 6
Nov.	132	141	129	131	71 6	69 6	70 6
1950 : Feb.	135	145	132	134	73 0	71 6	72 6
May	138	146	135	137	74 6	73 0	74 0

* In State awards only. † Special increase (males, 7s.) awarded in Interim Judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

55. Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours of Labour, New South Wales

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

End of Month	Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rate				Average Weekly Standard Working Hours	
	Amount—shillings		Index Number			
	Adult Males	Adult Females	Adult Males*	Adult Females†	Adult Males	Adult Females
1939 : Sept.	95.8	52.7	1870	1939	44.0	43.9
1945 : Sept.	121.1	72.3	2362	2660	43.5	43.9
1946 : Dec.	130.9	80.3	2554	2956	43.5	43.9
1947 : June‡	132.7	82.3	2589	3029	43.5	43.9
Dec.	141.3	84.3	2757	3103	41.1	41.8
1948 : June§	149.1	92.4	2909	3403	40.0	40.0
Sept.	155.4	95.1	3033	3501	40.0	40.0
Dec.	159.8	100.0	3117	3681	40.0	40.0
1949 : Mar.	161.6	101.2	3154	3724	40.0	40.0
June	165.4	103.5	3227	3811	40.0	40.0
Sept.	169.1	105.8	3299	3896	40.0	40.0
Dec.	171.9	108.1	3354	3979	40.0	40.0

* Base : Weighted average for Australia in April, 1911 (51s. 3d.) = 1000. † Base : Weighted average for Australia in April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) = 1000. § Forty-hour week under Commonwealth awards from 1st January, 1948.

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